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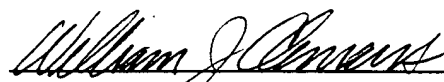
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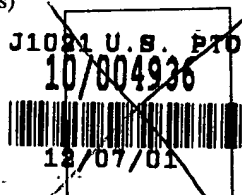
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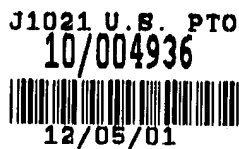
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Attorney Docket No. 5605 US

First Inventor or Applicant Identifier Scott J. Clifford et al.

Title Voltage Block and Color Change Apparatus for Waterborne Bell Applicator

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See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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